

PUPILS TOO SPEEDY FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Columbia County Educator Says Youngsters Are "Too Sophisticated"

"DAD'S AUTO" DRAWS BLAME

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SCHOOLS LAG BEHIND

They are taking in new impressions continually. They see tractors at work in their fathers' fields; they are as familiar with the motorcar as our fathers were with a horse; they have heard wonderful tales from soldiers who were overseas. They even know more about the scientific side of the job of farming.

MRS. CLARA COLFORD WEDS

Philadelphia Woman Married in Nice to Francis Potter, of New York Wood was received here today of the marriage at Nice of Mrs. Clara W. K. Colford, daughter of E. C. Knight, of this city, and Francis Potter, nephew of the late Bishop Potter, of New York.

BERLIN ASKS FOR SILESIA AS RESULT OF PLEBISCITE

Supreme Council Unlikely to Grant Request Made in Notes to Allies Berlin, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Germany has sent notes to the Allies and the interallied commission at Oppeln, Silesia, saying that, despite Polish intimidation during the plebiscite, the result has definitely shown that Upper Silesia desires to remain German.

COMMERCE BODY OBJECTS

State Referendum Is Against Suspension of Rates by Service Board Harrisburg, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Officers of the state Chamber of Commerce, announcing a referendum of its membership had shown strong opposition to legislation designed to give the Public Service Commission authority to suspend rates on public utility bills on the question now being submitted to the Legislature and the referendum has taken place in the last three weeks.

DEATHS OF A DAY

JAMES SEMMELL, SR. Part Owner of Engineering Company Stricken at Summer Home James Semmell, Sr., an official and part owner of the General Marine Engineering and Repairing Co., died yesterday at his summer home in Wildwood, N. J. His residence here was at 6048 Carpenter street.

READING SHOPMEN BALK

Representatives Tell Manager They Will Accept No Pay Cut Representatives of 10,000 shop employees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway refused to accept a reduction in wages at a meeting with F. M. Falk, general manager of the system, this afternoon at the Railway Y. M. C. A. auditorium at North Broad Spring Garden streets station. The matter will be referred to the railroad wage board in Philadelphia.

MINERS FIGHT WAGE CUT

Pennsylvanians Accuse Employers of Practicing Bolshevism Hazleton, Pa., April 8.—(By A. P.)—Thomas Kennedy, Chris Tolson and John Collins, presidents respectively of Districts 7, 9 and 1, of the United Mine Workers of the anthracite field, speaking today in behalf of their organization, declared every effort would be made to resist efforts of the Jermyn Coal Co. to reduce wages. The joint statement says this company is the first and only one in the hard coal belt to attempt a wage reduction, and that its action is "a flagrant example of bolshevism."

NARBERTH MAN TOLD TO "GET IT" BY HIS CHILD, AND HE GETS IT

Year-Old Daughter's Demands Drive Fond Young Father to Master Limerick About the Shapely Miss Blake

One Hundred Dollars Daily For the Best Last Line Supplied by Any Reader of the Evening Public Ledger to the Incomplete Limerick Which Appears Below

Form for submitting limerick solutions, including fields for Name, Street and No., City and State.

Today's winner was chosen by dancers at the annual ball of the Kayoula Catholic Club, at St. Anthony's school hall, Teller's photo on back page.

And furthermore, father," Helen Louise Moore was saying, "you know that I shall need several costumes this year, as it will soon be time for me to write my first book."

"You understand, dearest daddy," she lisped, "that we new women, even those as new as I am, must have adequate chance at personal expression from the start. Glub! Now, as a first and only daughter costumes interest me primarily."

"Not that I intend vamping any juries or being quoted ad lib as to why your sex has made a botch of civilization to date, but a Main Line belle should ring early and often."

"But, Helen, my daughter—" the proud father protested. "Where my future is concerned there should be no paternal protest," said Helen (via mother), thumping a mean spoon on the high chair.

"You win, Helen, Louise," replied Mr. Moore. "I have sent in four limerick lines. I will send in a couple tonight. The percentage is against me, but I'm your daddy and you are right—the new woman, even the woman as new as you are, must have her chance."

"Now, friends, it all goes to prove that with sufficient stimulus and a few ideas one can win a limerick line, provided the jury gives one a half-way even break."

"However, after weeding out repeaters it developed that No. 10 on the ballot was a clear winner, with twenty-nine votes; No. 8 being runner-up with twenty; and that is absolutely all that counts. It had a pun on Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar,' and if Mr. Tennyson's stuff could have won in a second try, the Sphinx can sing soprano."

The club's own limerick contest turned up five readable limerick lines, which were read in dramatic coach: William A. Glackin and Henry Stillman got first, second and third prizes, respectively, of \$10, \$8 and \$5.

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DEATHS FORTKOR—April 6, 1921, husband of Mrs. Fortkor (nee Sauer), and all relatives and friends are invited to his funeral, which will be held at 10:30 a. m. at the residence, 2228 N. 15th street, Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, April 12, 1921.

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CUMMINS TO ASK SENATE REAL PROBE

Senator to Present Resolution Demanding Exhaustive Investigation of Conditions TO CLEAR UP GEER LETTER

Washington, April 8.—Chairman Cummins, of the Senate Interstate Commerce committee, today drafted a resolution, for introduction next week, authorizing a general and exhaustive investigation of railroad affairs. It is planned to open the inquiry about April 15, and the senator expects to see President Harding soon regarding the committee program.

One phase of the inquiry will have to do with the best means of bringing about reduction in railroad rates. The resolution also would authorize the committee to inquire into the efficiency of the railroad situation. Their conference would include a reduction in the volume of freight traffic and operation costs.

Senator Cummins proposes to call railroad managers before the committee in beginning the inquiry for primary discussion of present operating costs. Labor representatives are to be heard later.

Mr. Warfield, president of the Association of Railway, Maritime, Owners, and Darwin P. Kingsley, of the New York Life Insurance Co., conferred today with President Harding on the railroad situation. Their conference was said to be in line with the President's policy of seeking advice from every one interested in the transportation problem.

Mr. Warfield has presented views of the security owners to Mr. Harding several times, and also has proposed to Senator Cummins a plan for co-ordination of the railway systems as a means of effecting economies in operation.

Chicago, April 8.—(By A. P.)—The authenticity of a letter alleged by labor representatives to have been signed by I. W. Geer, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad at St. Louis, suggesting "defamation of all labor organizations, if necessary," to obtain information concerning a wage reduction proposal, can be substantiated by witnesses, union leaders declared before the railroad labor board today.

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The letter, dated March 10, 1921, was addressed to all supervisory employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was signed by I. W. Geer, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad at St. Louis.

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LOWER TAX RATE HINTED BY MAYOR

Admits to Business Men Present Levy Is High, but Looks for Reduction in 1922 ECONOMIES MAY PERMIT IT

Lower taxes for the citizens of Philadelphia were hinted at by Mayor Moore in an address at the annual dinner of the United Business Men's Association, at Moore Hall.

The Mayor admitted to the 1000 diners last night that taxes at present were high, but predicted that by 1922 the city would have a lower tax rate.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of reduced taxes," he said in prefacing his announcement. "The commonwealth of Pennsylvania imposes high taxes on the citizens of Philadelphia. In fact, we are getting it coming and going, but this administration will pursue the course it has taken from the first, one of economy."

By practicing every possible economy, the Mayor said, he thought it certain that as high a tax rate as this year's would not be asked for in 1922. The only danger, he said, was in additional burdens imposed by the state or by a change in the status of one of its "our large public service corporations."

Criticism Payments for Roads The Mayor criticized the methods by which large cities like Philadelphia are compelled to contribute to the state treasury for roads and other distinctly state improvements, "while one city is overburdened by country motorists who destroy our streets and are exempt from heavy taxation."

Switching from the subject of taxation to transit, the Mayor spoke satirically of the "director of transit who has nothing to direct." At which smiles appeared upon the faces of his audience.

The Mayor referred to the amendment to the city charter brought before the state Legislature aiming at an enlargement of the powers of the director of

city transit. He cautioned the business men to watch closely and to be on their guard lest further amendments to their charter be inserted by men who "have axes to grind and interests to serve."

Speaking of the proposed revision of the state constitution, Mayor Moore emphasized the need for a greater degree of home rule for this city.

"We ought not to have to go to Harrisburg, but in hand, to ask the legislators to do business in Philadelphia," he said.

Lieutenant Governor Beideman, during the course of his short address, referred back to this last statement of the Mayor's with the remark that too much home rule was dangerous.

There are 137 cities in Pennsylvania," he said, "and if we gave those cities unlimited home rule, the train leaving Broad Street Station would have to travel at a different rate of speed each of these towns it passed through."

Representative Foss, of Ohio, was the closing speaker, and he advocated the increased cost of government as the necessary forerunner to decreased taxation. He said the United States would never yield its prestige in naval and merchant marine endeavors to another nation, but advocated a proportional reduction in armaments by all nations.

William J. Nash, president of the association, presided, while E. T. Tyndall, first vice president, was the toastmaster.

Conferees Prepare for Advisory Council to Commerce Department Washington, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Secretary Hoover continued today the series of conferences with representatives of leading industries looking toward the formation of an advisory council to the Department of Commerce composed of business men.

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Lexington THOROBRED WEEK April 25th to 30th Something Interesting to All PHILADELPHIANS Lexington Motor Co., of Penna. W. A. Kuser, President. LEXINGTON BUILDING 851-853 North Broad Street

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